

HOUSE No. 2638

By Ms. Balser of Newton, petition of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to provide medical interpreter services in offices of physicians. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Ruth B. Balser	J. James Marzilli, Jr.
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Douglas W. Petersen	Patricia D. Jehlen
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL INTERPRETOR SERVICES IN PHYSICIAN OFFICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 7 of Chapter 118G of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
- 3 sixth paragraph:—
- 4 In determining rates to be paid by governmental units to physi-
- 5 cians the division shall include as an operating expense the rea-
- 6 sonable cost of providing competent interpreter services.